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**TO:** Community, Economic & Human Development Committee

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**SUBJECT:** 2007/08 Growth Forecast Update

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## SUMMARY:

The 2007/08 growth forecast process is currently moving forward again with the issuance of a notice to proceed to the consultant. The major milestones of the 2007/08 RTP Growth Forecasts for the remainder of this fiscal year include:

- January 2006: Working with consultant, convening the Panel of Experts to review and comment on 2007/08 RTP no-project growth forecast at regional/county/subregional level.
- February 2006: Counties/subregions are invited to present their forecasts and any pertinent growth issues to the Panel of Experts.
- March 2006: Panel of Experts review and comment on Draft 2007/08 RTP no-project growth forecasts at regional/county/subregional level.
- June 2006: Draft 2007/08 RTP no-project growth forecast at City/Small Area level.

## BACKGROUND:

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee directed staff to proceed with the 2007 RTP growth forecast update process on February 3, 2005. Community Development and Forecasting staff with tremendous help from subregions, cities, and subregion coordinators, so far have accomplished the following tasks related to the 2007/08 RTP Growth Forecasts.

1. Provided Transportation Modeling Division the extended Year 2000 socio-economic data set for new model development and calibration.
2. Collaborating with subregions/local jurisdictions, reviewed and revised the 2003 base year small area distribution of employment, population, and household, and completed/delivered the 2003 extended socio-economic data set to Modeling Division.
3. Conducted survey of subregions/local jurisdictions regarding recent changes in general plan and developments that could affect the long term growth patterns envisioned in the 2004 RTP/Growth Vision policy forecast.
4. Requested and received inputs from subregions regarding their perspectives of future growth in population, employment and household.
5. Reviewed and presented recent trends in population, employment and household growth and completed preliminary 2007/08 RTP no-project growth forecasts at regional/county/subregional level.